# Forestland Interpretations

Forestland interpretations are important to good management. The management of trees begins with an understanding of the soil where they grow or are to be grown. Some soils are very suitable for growing wood crops; others barely support tree cover. Different tree species may vary in production on the same soil.

Forestland interpretations should be used to assist land users in planning, installing, and maintaining forestland management systems.

# Forest Management and Productivity

The Forestland Management and Productivity tables presents information about suitable for producing timber for each soil map unit. Management concerns, which include hand planting, mechanical planting, use of harvesting equipment, mechanical site preparation (surface), roads (natural surface), erosion on roads and trails, off-road/trail erosion, soil rutting, log landings, seedling survival, are listed by ratings of:

- Not Limited (0.00)
- Slightly Limited (0.01 to 0.30)
- Moderately Limited (0.31 to 0.60)
- Limited (0.61 to 0.99)
- Very Limited (1.00)

Information on potential productivity includes plant competition, common trees, site index, productivity class, and trees to plant.

# Management Concerns

**PLANT COMPETITION** - A rating of slight indicates little or no competition from other plants; moderate indicates that plant competition is expected to hinder the development of the fully stocked stand of desirable trees; and severe means that plant competition is expected to prevent the establishment of a desirable stand unless the site is intensively prepared, weeded, or otherwise managed for the control of undesirable plants.

**POTENTIAL PRODUCTIVITY -** This is discussed under the ordination class symbol.

**COMMON TREES** - Trees that generally occur on the soil are listed regardless of economic importance.

**SITE INDEX AND PRODUCTIVITY CLASS** - These are discussed under ordination class symbol.

**TREES TO PLANT** - Trees that are suitable for commercial wood production and that are adapted to the soil.

**HAND PLANTING** – ratings are based on slope, depth to a restrictive layer, content of sand, plasticity index, rock fragments on or below the surface, a water table, and ponding. Ratings indicate the expected difficulty of hand planting, which includes the proper placement of root systems of tree seedlings to a depth of up to 12 inches, using standard hand planting tools. It is assumed that necessary site preparation is completed before seedlings are planted.

**MECHANICAL PLANTING** – ratings are based on slope, depth to a restrictive layer, content of sand, plasticity index, rock fragments on or below the surface, a water table, and ponding. Ratings indicate the expected difficulty using a mechanical planter, which includes proper placement of root systems of tree seedlings to a depth up to 12 inches. It is assumed that necessary site preparation is completed before seedlings are planted.

**USE OF HARVEST EQUIPMENT** – ratings are based on slope, rock fragments on the surface, plasticity index, content of sand, surface texture, a water table, and ponding. Ratings indicate the suitability for operating harvest equipment for off –road transport or harvest of logs and/or wood products by ground-based wheeled or tracked equipment.

**MECHANICAL SITE PREPARATION (SURFACE)** – ratings are based on slope, depth to a restrictive layer, plasticity index, rock fragments on or below the surface, a water table, and ponding. The part of the soil from the surface to a depth of about 12 inches is considered in the ratings. Ratings indicate the suitability of using surface-altering soil tillage equipment to prepare the site for planting or seeding.

**ROADS (NATURAL SURFACE)** – ratings are based on slope, rock fragments on the surface, plasticity index, content of sand, surface texture, a water table, ponding, flooding, and the hazard of soil slippage. The ratings indicate the suitability for using the natural surface of the soil for roads on which trucks transport logs and other wood products from the site.

**EROSION** (**ROAD/TRAIL**) – ratings are based on the soil erodibility factor K, slope, and content of rock fragments. The ratings apply to unsurfaced roads and trails.

**EROSION (OFF-ROAD/OFF-TRAIL)** – ratings are based on slope and on soil erodibility factor K. The soil loss is caused by sheet or rill erosion in off-road or off-trail areas where 50 to 75 percent of the surface has been exposed by logging, grazing, mining, or other kinds of disturbance.

**SOIL RUTTING** – ratings are based on a water table, rock fragments on or below the surface, surface texture, depth to a restrictive layer, and slope. Ratings indicate the hazard or risk of ruts in the uppermost soil surface layers by operation of forest equipment. Soil displacement and puddling (soil deformation and compaction) may occur simultaneously with rutting.

**LOG LANDINGS** – ratings are based on slope, rock fragments on the surface, plasticity index, content of sand, surface texture, a water table, ponding, flooding, and the hazard of soil slippage. Ratings indicate the suitability of the soil at the forest site to serve as a log landing and allows the efficient and effective use of equipment for the temporary storage and handling of logs.

**SEEDLING SURVIVAL** – ratings are based on flooding, ponding, a water table, content of lime, reaction, salinity, available water capacity, soil moisture regime, soil temperature regime, aspect, and slope. Ratings indicate the impact of soil, physiographic, and climatic conditions on the survivability of newly established tree seedlings.

See the National Forestry Manual, Subpart B for criteria used in rating management concerns.

This subsection includes:

• (a) Forest Management (one or two tables)

#### Forestland Management

(The information in this report indicates the dominant soil condition but does not eliminate the need for onsite investigation. The numbers in the value columns range from 0.00 to 1.00. The larger the value, the greater the potential limitation. See text for further explanation of ratings in this table.)

Map symbol and soil name	Potential erosion ha   (road/trail)	zard	Potential erosion hazard     (off-road/off-trail)		Soil rutting hazard		Log landing suitability		Potential seedling mortality	
	Limitation	<u>Value</u>	Limitation	Value	Limitation	Value	Limitation	Value	Limitation	Value
15002: McGirk	    Slightly limited  ~slope/erodibility   (slightly limited) 	      0.22     	    Slightly limited  ~slope/erodibility   (slightly limited)   	      0.05     	Limited  -low strength   (limited)  -seasonal wetness   (limited)	i	  Limited  ~seasonal wetness   (limited)  ~low strength   (moderately limited)	  0.50	  Limited  ~seasonal wetness   (limited) 	      0.72     
66000: Moniteau	  Slightly limited  ~slope/erodibility   (slightly limited) 	    0.11       	  Slightly limited  ~slope/erodibility   (slightly limited)   	    0.02       	Limited  -seasonal wetness   (limited)  -low strength   (limited)	j	  Limited  -seasonal wetness   (limited)  -flooding   (moderately limited)  -low strength   (moderately limited)	  0.60    0.50	  Limited  ~seasonal wetness   (limited)  ~flooding   (moderately limited) 	    0.91    0.60   
70008: Goss	  Moderately limited  ~slope/erodibility   (moderately limited)	•	  -  Slightly limited  ~slope/erodibility   (slightly limited) 	      0.12 	  Limited  ~low strength   (limited)	    0.80 	 	      0.50 	    Not limited     	       
70009: Goss	  Limited  ~slope/erodibility   (limited) 	    0.75     	  Slightly limited  ~slope/erodibility   (slightly limited) 	    0.24   	  Limited  ~low strength   (limited) 	    0.80     	  Limited  ~slope   (limited)  ~low strength   (moderately limited)	    0.76    0.50	  Not limited       	         
70023: Eldon	  Limited  ~slope/erodibility   (limited) 	      0.67 	  -  Slightly limited  ~slope/erodibility   (slightly limited) 	      0.12   	  Limited  -low strength   (limited) 	      0.80 	  Moderately limited  ~low strength   (moderately limited) 	      0.50 	  -  Not limited  -  - 	       
70024: Goss	  Very limited  ~slope/erodibility   (very limited)	    1.00 	  Moderately limited  ~slope/erodibility   (moderately limited)	    0.49 	  Not limited   		  Very limited  ~slope   (very limited)	    1.00	  Slightly limited  ~droughty   (slightly limited)	    0.05

Map symbol and soil name	Potential erosion hazard   (road/trail)		Potential erosion hazard   (off-road/off-trail)		Soil rutting hazard		Log landing suitability		Potential seedling mortality	
	Limitation	<u>Value</u>	Limitation	Value	Limitation	Value	Limitation	<u>Value</u>	Limitation	Valu
70028: Moko	    Very limited  ~slope/erodibility   (very limited)	      1.00	    Slightly limited  ~slope/erodibility   (slightly limited)	      0.18	    Limited  ~low strength   (limited)	      0.80	    Moderately limited  ~slippage potential   (moderately limited)	•	    Very limited  ~droughty   (very limited)	      1.00
	       	       	 	     	 	     	<pre> ~low strength   (moderately limited)  ~slope   (moderately limited)  </pre>	0.45	 	
Rock outcrop	Not rated	į	Not rated	į	Not rated	į	Not rated	į	Not rated	į
70046: Sacville	  Moderately limited  ~slope/erodibility   (moderately limited) 	      0.44     	  Slightly limited  ~slope/erodibility   (slightly limited) 	    0.08   	Limited  -seasonal wetness   (limited)  -low strength   (limited)	İ	Limited  -seasonal wetness   (limited)  -low strength   (moderately limited)	      0.91    0.50	  Limited  ~seasonal wetness   (limited) 	    0.91   
73012: Gravois	  Limited  ~slope/erodibility   (limited) 	      0.67   	  slightly limited  ~slope/erodibility   (slightly limited) 	    0.15   	  Limited  ~low strength   (limited)  ~seasonal wetness   (slightly limited)	İ	  Moderately limited  ~low strength   (moderately limited)  ~seasonal wetness   (slightly limited)	0.50	  Not limited     	
73034: Gravois, eroded	•	        0.67     	    Slightly limited  ~slope/erodibility   (slightly limited)   	      0.15   	 	İ	 	0.50	    Not limited       	
73035: Gravois	  Very limited  ~slope/erodibility   (very limited)   	    1.00         	  Slightly limited  ~slope/erodibility   (slightly limited)   	    0.27     	  Limited  ~low strength   (limited)  ~seasonal wetness   (slightly limited) 	į	  Limited  ~slope   (limited)  ~low strength   (moderately limited)  ~seasonal wetness   (slightly limited)	0.68    0.50	  Not limited         	
73036: Willowfork	    Slightly limited  ~slope/erodibility   (slightly limited) 	      0.22   	    Slightly limited  ~slope/erodibility   (slightly limited)   	      0.04   	    Limited  ~low strength  (limited)  ~seasonal wetness  (limited)	i	  Limited  ~seasonal wetness  (limited)  ~low strength  (moderately limited)	0.76    0.50	    Limited  ~seasonal wetness   (limited)   	    0.76   

Map symbol and soil name	Potential erosion has   (road/trail)	zard	Potential erosion hazard     (off-road/off-trail)		Soil rutting hazard		Log landing suitability		Potential seedling mortality	
	Limitation	<u>Value</u>	Limitation	Value	Limitation	Value	Limitation	Value	Limitation	Value
73037: Friendly	  Slightly limited  ~slope/erodibility   (slightly limited) 	      0.22     	  slightly limited  ~slope/erodibility   (slightly limited) 	      0.05   	Limited  -low strength   (limited)  -seasonal wetness   (limited)	i	  Limited  ~seasonal wetness   (limited)  ~low strength   (moderately limited)	  0.50	  Limited  ~seasonal wetness   (limited) 	    0.62   
73038: Glensted	  Slightly limited  ~slope/erodibility   (slightly limited) 	      0.06   	  slightly limited  -slope/erodibility   (slightly limited) 		  Limited  -low strength   (limited)  ~seasonal wetness   (limited)	i	  Limited  -seasonal wetness   (limited)  -low strength   (moderately limited)	  0.50	  Limited  ~seasonal wetness   (limited)  ~droughty   (slightly limited)	  0.76    0.23
73039: Glensted	  Slightly limited  ~slope/erodibility   (slightly limited) 	      0.22     	  Slightly limited  ~slope/erodibility   (slightly limited)   	    0.04     	  Limited  ~low strength   (limited)  ~seasonal wetness   (limited)	i	  Limited  ~seasonal wetness   (limited)  ~low strength   (moderately limited)	  0.50	  Limited  ~seasonal wetness   (limited)  ~droughty   (slightly limited)	    0.76    0.23
73040: Maplewood	  Moderately limited  ~slope/erodibility   (moderately limited) 	    0.33   	  Slightly limited  ~slope/erodibility   (slightly limited) 	    0.07   	  Limited  ~low strength   (limited)  ~seasonal wetness   (limited)	i	  Limited  ~seasonal wetness   (limited)  ~low strength   (moderately limited)	  0.50	  Limited  ~seasonal wetness   (limited) 	0.62
73041: Maplewood	•	    0.78         	  Slightly limited  ~slope/erodibility   (slightly limited)   	    0.17     	  Limited  -low strength   (limited)  -seasonal wetness   (limited) 	į	Limited  -seasonal wetness   (limited)  -low strength   (moderately limited)  -slope   (slightly limited)	  0.50	  Limited  ~seasonal wetness   (limited)   	    0.62       
73042: Niangua	• -	    1.00         	  Limited  ~slope/erodibility   (limited)   	    0.65       	  Not limited           		  Very limited  ~slope   (very limited)  ~large surface stones   (moderately limited)  -surface stones   (moderately limited)	  0.42	  Not limited           	         

Map symbol and soil name	Potential erosion ha	azard	Potential erosion hazard     (off-road/off-trail)		Soil rutting hazard		Log landing suitabi	lity	Potential seedling mortality	
	Limitation	Value	Limitation	Value	Limitation	Value	Limitation	Value	:	Valu
73042: Bardley	  Very limited  ~slope/erodibility   (very limited)   	    1.00     	Limited  -slope/erodibility   (limited)	    0.65     	    Not limited         		  Very limited  ~slope   (very limited)  ~large surface stones   (moderately limited)  ~surface stones   (moderately limited)	1.00    0.60    0.42	  Not limited         	
73043: Hartville	  Limited  ~slope/erodibility   (limited) 	      0.67   	  Slightly limited  ~slope/erodibility   (slightly limited) 		Limited  -low strength   (limited)  -seasonal wetness   (limited)	0.80 	Limited  -seasonal wetness   (limited)  -low strength   (moderately limited)	0.62    0.50	  Limited  ~seasonal wetness   (limited) 	    0.62   
73044: Crestmeade	  Slightly limited  ~slope/erodibility   (slightly limited) 	      0.11   	  Slightly limited  ~slope/erodibility   (slightly limited)   	    0.02   	  Limited  ~low strength   (limited)  ~seasonal wetness   (limited)	į	Limited  -seasonal wetness   (limited)  -low strength   (moderately limited)	      0.62    0.50	  Limited  ~seasonal wetness   (limited) 	    0.62   
	  Slightly limited  ~slope/erodibility   (slightly limited)   	    0.22     	  Slightly limited  ~slope/erodibility   (slightly limited)   		  Limited  -low strength   (limited)  -seasonal wetness   (limited)	0.80 	  Limited  -seasonal wetness   (limited)  -stickiness (surface)   (moderately limited)  -low strength   (moderately limited)	0.62    0.50    0.50	  Limited  -seasonal wetness   (limited)   	    0.62       
73046: Wrengart	  Limited  ~slope/erodibility   (limited) 	    0.67   	  Slightly limited  ~slope/erodibility   (slightly limited) 	    0.15   	  Limited  ~low strength   (limited)  ~seasonal wetness   (slightly limited)	į	  Moderately limited  ~low strength   (moderately limited)  ~seasonal wetness   (slightly limited)	0.50	  Not limited     	
73047: Bardley	  Very limited  -slope/erodibility   (very limited)   	    1.00     	  slightly limited  -slope/erodibility   (slightly limited)   	    0.18       	  Not limited           		   Moderately limited   -large surface stones   (moderately limited)   ~slope   (moderately limited)   ~surface stones   (moderately limited)	0.60    0.45    0.42	  Not limited           	         

Map symbol and soil name	Potential erosion ha   (road/trail)	zard	Potential erosion had confidential   Coff-road/off-train		Soil rutting haz	ard	Log landing suitabi	lity	Potential seedling mortality	ng
	Limitation	Value	Limitation	Value	Limitation	Value	Limitation	Value	Limitation	Value
73047: Moko	  Very limited  ~slope/erodibility   (very limited)   	      1.00       	    Slightly limited  ~slope/erodibility   (slightly limited)     	    0.18     	  Limited  ~low strength   (limited)   	    0.80     	   Moderately limited  -large surface stones   (moderately limited)  -slippage potential   (moderately limited)  -low strength   (moderately limited)	  0.50    0.50	  Very limited  ~droughty   (very limited)   	    1.00     
73048: Rueter	  Limited  ~slope/erodibility   (limited) 	      0.67     	    Slightly limited  ~slope/erodibility   (slightly limited)   	      0.12   	  Limited  ~low strength   (limited) 	    0.80   	(moderately limited)	  0.50	  Slightly limited  ~soil reaction   (slightly limited)  ~droughty   (slightly limited)	    0.18    0.09
73050: Rock outcrop	   	į	    Not rated	į	    Not rated	į	    Not rated	į	    Not rated	į
Bardley	İ	    1.00         	  Very limited  ~slope/erodibility   (very limited)   	    1.00     	Not limited	           	  Very limited  ~slope   (very limited)  ~large surface stones   (moderately limited)	  0.42	Not limited	         
73112: Gunlock	  Limited  ~slope/erodibility   (limited) 	    0.67     	  Slightly limited  ~slope/erodibility   (slightly limited) 	    0.15     	  Limited  ~low strength   (limited)  ~seasonal wetness   (slightly limited)	  0.80    0.28	(moderately limited)	0.50	  Not limited         	         
73136: Union	  Slightly limited  ~slope/erodibility   (slightly limited) 	    0.22     	  slightly limited  ~slope/erodibility   (slightly limited) 	    0.05   	  Limited  ~low strength   (limited)  ~seasonal wetness   (slightly limited)	į	(moderately limited)	    0.50    0.28	  Not limited       	       
73137, 73138: Clafork	  Moderately limited  ~slope/erodibility   (moderately limited) 	•	     Slightly limited  ~slope/erodibility   (slightly limited)   	    0.08   	  Limited  ~low strength   (limited)  ~seasonal wetness   (slightly limited)	į	  Moderately limited  ~low strength   (moderately limited)  ~seasonal wetness   (slightly limited)	0.50	  Not limited         	         

Map symbol and soil name	   Potential erosion ha   (road/trail)	azard	Potential erosion hazard   (off-road/off-trail)		Soil rutting hazard		   Log landing suitabi: 	lity	Potential seedling mortality	
	Limitation	Value	Limitation	Value	Limitation	<u>Value</u>	Limitation	<u>Value</u>	Limitation	Value
73190: Winnipeg	  Limited  ~slope/erodibility   (limited)	      0.67	    Slightly limited  ~slope/erodibility   (slightly limited)	      0.15	  Limited  ~low strength   (limited)	      0.80	  Moderately limited  ~low strength   (moderately limited)	      0.50 	    Not limited   	       
75376: Cedargap	 	•	 	    0.02   	  Limited  ~low strength   (limited)   	      0.80     	  Very limited  ~flooding   (very limited)  ~low strength   (moderately limited)	      1.00    0.50	  Limited  ~flooding   (limited) 	      0.90     
75378: Sturkie	  Slightly limited  ~slope/erodibility   (slightly limited) 	    0.11   	  Slightly limited  ~slope/erodibility   (slightly limited) 	    0.02     	  Limited  ~low strength   (limited)   	    0.80     	  Very limited  ~flooding   (very limited)  ~low strength   (moderately limited)	    1.00    0.50	  Limited  ~flooding   (limited) 	    0.90     
75384: Healing	  Slightly limited  ~slope/erodibility   (slightly limited)   	•	  Slightly limited  ~slope/erodibility   (slightly limited)   	    0.05     	  Limited  ~low strength   (limited)   	    0.80     	  Moderately limited  ~flooding   (moderately limited)  ~low strength   (moderately limited)	    0.60    0.50	  Moderately limited  ~flooding   (moderately limited)   	    0.60     
75385: Gabriel	  slightly limited  ~slope/erodibility   (slightly limited)   	•	  Slightly limited  ~slope/erodibility   (slightly limited)   	  0.02       	  Limited  ~low strength   (limited)  ~seasonal wetness   (moderately limited) 	ĺ	  Moderately limited  ~flooding   (moderately limited)  ~low strength   (moderately limited)  ~seasonal wetness   (moderately limited)	  0.50	(moderately limited)	0.39
75386: Speed	  Slightly limited  ~slope/erodibility   (slightly limited)   	  0.22     	  Slightly limited  ~slope/erodibility   (slightly limited)   	    0.04   	  Limited  -low strength   (limited)  -seasonal wetness   (slightly limited)	    0.80    0.25 	  Moderately limited  ~low strength   (moderately limited)  ~seasonal wetness   (slightly limited)	    0.50    0.25 	  Not limited         	           

Map symbol and soil name	Potential erosion hazard   (road/trail)		Potential erosion hazard (off-road/off-trail)		Soil rutting hazard		Log landing suitability		Potential seedling mortality	
	Limitation	Value	Limitation	<u>Value</u>	Limitation	Value	Limitation	<u>Value</u>	Limitation	Value
75387:	 			 	 			 	 	l I
	Slightly limited  ~slope/erodibility   (slightly limited) 		Slightly limited  ~slope/erodibility  (slightly limited)	  0.02       	Limited	0.80	Limited  -seasonal wetness  (limited)  -flooding  (moderately limited)  -low strength  (moderately limited)	  0.60    0.50	Limited  ~seasonal wetness   (limited)  ~flooding   (moderately limited) 	  0.62    0.60
75415:	i I	į į		į i	i I	i i		į I	i I	į I
Jemerson	Slightly limited  ~slope/erodibility   (slightly limited) 		Slightly limited ~slope/erodibility (slightly limited)	  0.05   	Limited  -low strength   (limited) 	0.80	Moderately limited ~flooding (moderately limited) ~low strength (moderately limited)	0.60    0.50	Moderately limited  ~flooding   (moderately limited)   	  0.60     
75421: Racket	  Slightly limited  ~slope/erodibility   (slightly limited) 		slightly limited ~slope/erodibility (slightly limited)	    0.04   	  Limited  -low strength   (limited) 		Moderately limited  -flooding  (moderately limited)  -low strength  (moderately limited)	0.60    0.50	  Moderately limited  ~flooding   (moderately limited) 	    0.60
99000:	 			 	 			 	 	 
Pits	Not rated	į	Not rated	į	Not rated	į į	Not rated	į	Not rated	į
99001: Water	    Not rated 		  Not rated		    Not rated 		    Not rated 	     	    Not rated 	     
99003: Miscellaneous water	    Not rated	j 	Not rated	į Į	      Not rated		    Not rated	į Į	      Not rated	<u> </u> 